

## COMMUNITY XMAS TREE LIGHT DOCKET OF COURT

Women of Alexandria Arranging for a "Celebration of Praise Service" Christmas Eve.

The city of Alexandria will have a community Christmas tree. It will be the second one seen here, that of last year being the first. The ladies in charge have sent to the Gazette the following concerning it:

Out under the stars the angels sang on the first Christmas—"Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth, Good will Toward Man". The new-born child grew and waxed strong and spent much of his life out under the canopy of heaven. Out of doors many of his miracles were wrought. There he cured the leper, raised the dead, fed the multitudes, walked upon the sea, healed the blind, was transfigured before his disciples, and was tempted by Satan. He "went up into the mountain" or "into the garden" to pray.

The Christian religion is an out-of-door religion. It is as wide as the horizon and is not bounded by church walls or closed in by cathedral gates. Every human heart may become the altar of the most high—the human body the temple for the indwelling of His spirit. The whole world is its stage of action.

How fitting that Alexandria—the city where so many blessings have been poured out in the past year, where peace and good will reign supreme, where His hand has so singularly and marvelously shielded us from disaster or civic distress—how fitting we repeat, that all Alexandria and her neighbors should gather around the Community Christmas Tree and mingle their voices in praise and thanksgiving.

The tree will be placed on the site of the Gypsy Smith tent and there will be no limit to room for all Alexandria and its friends of the adjoining counties.

Of the old and the young, the big and the little, the rich and the poor, the sad and the glad, let none be missing.

The Gypsy Smith choir will lead the music. The tree will be beautifully decorated and illuminated but no gifts will be given anyone. The marvelous gifts of love, peace, and good will have already been bountifully bestowed upon us and this will be our celebration of praise.

The expense of the tree will be small and in order that every one may have a share in this Christmas celebration and community spirit, boxes will be placed at the various stores where your nickel, dime, or quarter may find a straight road to the finance committee. The committee will also receive, in person, any contribution you will bring or send them. They are: Mrs. Geo. S. French, 219 S. Alfred French; Mrs. T. Marshall Jones, corner Pitt and Prince and Mrs. Harry Wade, 303 S. Washington street. The contributions must be voluntary, as there will be no solicitation for funds. Please make your contribution early so the committee can make their arrangements before the Christmas rush.

Remember it will be held on Christmas Eve—Sunday evening, Dec. 24, at 7 o'clock.

The service will not interfere with any other or with any business interest. Everybody can attend and everybody is expected.

While shepherds watched their flocks  
at night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The Angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

### NOTICE.

I desire to announce that the printing and publishing business formerly conducted by Mr. J. P. Chadwick, under the name of the Commercial Press, at 313 King Street, will in the future be conducted by me.

I solicit a continuation of your patronage. Having been connected with some of the largest printing plants in the country, including the Butterick Publishing Company of New York City, The General Electric Printing plant in Schenectady, N. Y., and Byron S. Adams Co. of Washington, D. C., and having had a wide experience in the printing field I am in a position to take care of any of your printing satisfactorily and promptly at prices that are reasonable consistent with good work.

HARRY W. WADE.  
272-3t.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe, North Royal Street.

Only Two Cases of Drunkenness on The Blotter This Morning—One Man Forfeits Collateral.

Conditions in police circles were comparatively tranquil again this morning. Two arrests for drunkenness were made during the past twenty-four hours. Both are white men. One who had drunk enough to render him conspicuous while upon the streets, deposited collateral for his appearance this morning before the Police Court. He could not be found when his case was called and forfeited his deposit. The other individual is a sailor belonging to the United States navy. He was ushered before the tribunal this morning, and after the testimony of the officer had been heard, the accused was fined \$5. He alleged he had procured his liquor in Washington.

There was another case on the docket. Two young negro women had been arrested and brought before the bar yesterday to answer the charge of disorderly conduct and fighting. The case was continued until this morning in the absence of a material witness. There had evidently been a reconciliation between the combatants, and they both alleged that there had been no fight, and that they were merely sporting with each other. It was shown that one had struck the other on the head with a brick during the encounter, and that about two hundred persons had gathered to witness the fight. One of the prisoners admitted having used a missile upon the cranium of the other, but alleged that it was not a brick but a small stone, and that she merely tapped the skull of her antagonist in playantry.

Justice Caton summed the case up immediately. They had created a disturbance in the street, and fined them \$5 each. Neither had the necessary wherewithal, and they are likely to become attaches of the city farm with Joshua Sherwood as their overseer.

### HOLLAR STILL MISSING.

Washington Police Asked to Renew Search for Hospital Patient.

W. F. Stuart, of Alexandria, on Sunday visited Inspector Grant, chief of detectives, and asked that search be renewed for Louis Hollar, a patient at Walter Reed Hospital, who escaped last Tuesday from that institution. Stuart is Hollar's father-in-law, and he fears the missing man died in the woods after escaping from the hospital.

Hollar, who was a member of the Alexandria Light Infantry, started for the border shortly after he underwent an operation, was taken sick in Richmond and returned for treatment at Walter Reed Hospital. Six policemen searched the woods for the missing man without finding any trace of him, and Sunday Detective Armstrong was assigned to participate in the investigation.

The Washington police were told of a rumor that there was an automobile near the hospital, the morning when Hollar escaped, clad only in his pajamas, and soldiers on duty there suggested it was possible he had gone away in the car.

### TO PRESENT PLAY

Two Hundred Pupils of Alexandria Schools in Cast.

The Washington and Lee schools are practicing the Military Opera "The Girl and the Soldier," and expect to present it at the Opera House early in December.

The piece is written from an incident in the Spanish-American war. The first act is laid in Richmond, Va., and the second act at Tampa, Florida. There will be two hundred in the production and rehearsals are held each day after school. Mr. Baker, who directed the high school opera "Powhatan," is in charge of the rehearsals.

### Notice!

To whom it may concern:

This is to notify all persons that I will pay no bills contracted by my wife, Carrie Brown, from and after this date. J. A. Brown.  
Dated Nov. 20, 1916. 273-1t

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

Miss Kate Glenn, of Baltimore, is the guest of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Miller, in the Wagar.

The Willard Womans' Christian Temperance Union will meet tomorrow afternoon, at three o'clock in Trinity M. E. Church.

The Misses Mitchell, of Washington, were the week-end guests of Miss Dorothy Knight, at her home in south Fairfax street.

The State Corporation Commission has issued amendments to the charter to the following companies: Parker-Browner Co., Inc., Alexandria, increasing its maximum capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Also to the Las Ovas Co., Inc., Alexandria, Va., reducing its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$20,000.

The Ladies of St. Pauls' Sewing Society will hold their annual autumn sale in the Parish Hall, corner of Pitt and Duke streets, Thursday afternoon, November 23, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Many useful and dainty articles will be on sale, including aprons of all kinds and a variety of fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts, also home made cakes and candies. The childrens' corner will be especially attractive. Go and be convinced.

Attorney Whitehead, one of the attorneys connected with State Commissioner Peter's office having in charge the enforcement of the prohibition law has been among the visitors in the city during the week, looking into certain alleged violations of the statutes. Rumor says he is particularly interested in the cases that have been held for the grand jury which will come up later on.

### DIXIE FLYER WRECKED

Three Trainmen Injured, One Seriously, When Passenger Train Jumps Track.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 21.—Three trainmen were injured, one seriously, when the Dixie Flyer, train No. 95, of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, jumped the track in a cut two miles south of Wauhatchie, Tenn., yesterday afternoon. L. S. Brown, mail clerk, of Belbuckle, Tenn., was seriously cut and bruised, but the others were only slightly hurt.

Officials say spreading rails probably caused the accident. Six of the ten cars in the train left the track and were thrown across the rails. The engine and the four rear Pullmans remained on the track.

### VILLA'S SECOND WIFE DEAD.

Woman Who Was Ordered Deported From El Paso, Expires in Guadalajara.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Juana Torres de Villa, who claimed to be the second wife of Francisco Villa, died recently in Guadalajara, Mexico, according to a letter received here. Mrs. Villa lived in Los Angeles, Cal., after Villa took the field as a bandit, later coming here at the time of the Carrizal affair in June. She was ordered deported and left for Chihuahua City, Mrs. Luz Corral Villa, who claims to be Villa's first wife, is understood to be in Havana, Cuba.

### JAILED FOR 30 YEARS.

Brazilian Bandit Had Terrorized Three States.

Recife, Brazil, Nov. 21.—Thirty years in prison was the sentence imposed on Antonio Silvino, a bandit who terrorized the border of three states for more than twenty years.

Silvino had thirty specific murder charges arrayed against him when he was finally captured by the federal police after a pitched battle with the bandit and his 200 followers. It is claimed that the victims of his border raids number thousands.

Genuine Lynnhaven Bay Oysters, on half shell, steamed or in measure, Jacob Brill foot of King St. 246-4t

If you can sell jewelry on the easy payment plan, I want you. Salary and commission. Address Geo. H. Railing, 714 King street. 269-3t.

Miss Estelle Murray, of Washington has resumed her winter classes in social dancing at St. Mary's Academy from 4 to 6, on Tuesday afternoons.

J. William May, of this city, will deliver a humorous lecture before the Southgate Club of Washington on next Thursday night.

Mrs. Allen McCarthy and little Miss Louise McCarthy have returned to their home in New York after a visit to Mrs. Frank S. Harper, at her home in Prince street.

Miss Dorothy Robins, of Houston, Texas, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doyle Brockett, at their home in north Washington street. Mrs. Brockett and Miss Robins were recently the guests of friends in Danville, Va.

The new Alexandria Hospital is a matter of interest to both white and colored and should receive the hearty support and co-operation of the entire community. The following colored organizations, the First Baptist church, the Elks, St. Joseph's Catholic church and Gum Spring church, are working to furnish the colored ward of the new building.

The members of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 A. F. and A. M., will pay their annual visit to Alexandria-Washington Lodge on Thursday evening, of this week, at the Masonic Temple. The master Mason's degree will be conferred by the visiting brethren for Alexandria-Washington lodge. Right Worshipful J. Johnson Green, district deputy grand master, will pay an official visit to the lodge the same evening.

### DEATH OF BISHOP WILSON

Alpheus W. Wilson, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, until his retirement at the last general conference held in Oklahoma City, died at his home, in Baltimore, early today. Bishop Wilson was eighty-three years of age.

### MAY ABANDON PARADE.

Simple Inaugural Ceremonies on March 5, Urged.

Friends of President Wilson have learned that he is inclined to discountenance the idea of an inauguration celebration are prepared to suggest to him that the inaugural parade likewise be abandoned and the ceremony on March 4 or 5 be made as simple as possible.

It is pointed out that the inauguration date falls on Sunday, that the formal oath of office will be administered on that day and that the usual inaugural parade would have to be held the following day, if held at all. There would be little point to such a parade after the inauguration proper was over.

The program that will be proposed will consist of the delivery of an inaugural address either in the Senate chamber or on the front balcony of the capitol, to be followed by a public march to the White House. This march would be attended only by a modest escort and the ceremony would end there.

Such a proposal will meet with stubborn opposition from the business interests of Washington, which profit largely by the enormous inaugural crowds, but it is believed it would be favorably received by the country as a whole.

In the past inaugural parades have been composed largely of state troops. This year all state troops have seen many months of active service in the field and not many of them would relish a junket to Washington in addition. Moreover, inauguration weather is proverbially bad and hundreds of people have lost their lives as a result of exposure upon such occasions.

It is practically settled that the inaugural ball will not be revived this year. Neither the President nor his household favor the idea and, of course, their wishes in this connection will prevail just as they did four years ago. The only question to be settled, therefore is whether or not the inauguration ceremony shall include a parade. This will be taken up for determination in the near future.

The lecture "The Trenches" by the Hon. John Barrett, begins promptly at 8 o'clock tonight, in the Young Peoples' Building.

Mrs. F. E. Ludwig has returned from a pleasant trip to Baltimore where she attended the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. W. J. Sechrest and little nephews, Masters Douglass Ernest Bergman, and William Edward Bergman, of Montreal, N. C., who have been the guests of their aunt, Mrs. A. Rammel, at the Hotel Rammel, left yesterday to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with the childrens' father at his home in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Leigh Wilber Reid has placed a very handsome brass plate on the door of the reception room of the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged, in honor of Colonel Arthur Herbert, colonel of the 17th Virginia Regiment, C. S. A. This room was furnished by the 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter, U. D. C., and is called the Colonel Arthur Herbert Room. Mrs. Reid is president of this chapter.

Some excitement was caused on Wilkes street, near Columbus, about seven o'clock last night by a row between several negroes. During the trouble sparks began to fly from a chimney, which started an alarm of fire. The Columbia hose wagon rushed to the scene, and members of the company prevented what might have resulted in a fire. While so engaged an insolent negro so incensed one of the firemen as to cause him to threaten the darkey with violence. The police soon appeared and restored the peace.

### GERMANY IGNORES PROTESTS.

Continues Deporting Belgians Despite Action of Vatican and Neutral Nations.

London, Nov. 21.—Notwithstanding protests from America, Holland, and the Vatican, Germany is still deporting Belgian workmen. Moreover she is registering, presumably for future deportation, all citizens of Switzerland and the Duchy of Luxembourg, who are residing in Belgium.

A statement from the London office of the Belgian department of justice made these assertions today. "The deportation of Belgian subjects continue without respite," the statement asserted. "The council of aldermen at Brussels were arrested because they refused to communicate with Belgians employed by the German authorities."

Deportations are proceeding in the province of Hainault and in Wells and Flanders. Subjects of the Duchy of Luxembourg and also of Switzerland residing in Belgium are compelled to register. A group of Luxemburgers have already been deported.

### HIS ASHES TO I. W. W. MEN.

One Hundred and Fifty Envelopes Distributed at Request of Hillstrom to Delegates.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—One hundred and fifty envelopes containing ashes of Joseph Hillstrom, or "Joe Hill," as he usually signed himself, were distributed to as many delegates to the tenth annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, which opened here yesterday. The ashes will be scattered by the delegates and by locals of the I. W. W., to which 450 other envelopes were mailed, according to the wishes of Hillstrom, who was executed in Utah for murder.

### BOILER BLOW-UP KILLS FOUR

Explosion on Tug Fatal to Captain on First Day in Command

New York, Nov. 21.—Four men were killed and four others seriously injured by the explosion yesterday of the boiler of the tugboat Rambler, lying near Bergen's dock, at the foot of Commercial street, Greenpoint. The tug was sunk in 20 feet of water, while the wrecked boiler, flying 60 feet away together with pieces of the boat's engine, caused thousands of dollars worth of damage to tugs lying nearby.

## ECHO OF THE DROWNING LOOK FOR THEIR RETURN

Brother-in-Law of Mrs. Swartz Says Deceased Had About \$175 When She Disappeared.

Harrie White, Justice of the Peace of Fairfax county, a former resident of this city, has received the following letter from J. E. Swartz, brother-in-law of Mrs. Swartz, whose body was found in the river at Mount Vernon several months ago. The drowned woman, it is alleged, had about one hundred and seventy-five dollars upon her person when she disappeared. Mr. Swartz says:

Chicago, Nov. 7, 1916.  
Dear Mr. White:—I must apologize for not writing sooner, but there was so much red tape to go through with, and as my business had been neglected for over a week, it took me a long time to get matters straightened up so as to know where I stood.

We have decided not to investigate what became of the money Mrs. Swartz had in her possession. It would be impossible to locate same with a certainty, and would mean a great deal of notoriety which we want to avoid. According to her brother, she had about a hundred and seventy-five dollars with her, but, of course, it is impossible for us to even guess what became of it. Personally, I know that you handled the affair in first class shape and did everything you could to make it as easy for me as possible. I want to thank you very much for what you did in the matter, as well as the rest of the boys I met there. Everyone seemed to be willing and ready to help me in every way possible, and I assure you that I appreciate all these facts, and should I ever be called to your part of the country, I would be very glad to meet all of you, under different circumstances. Again thanking you for your kindness in the matter, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
J. E. SWARTZ.

### YOUNG WOMAN SLAIN

Husband Locked Up on Suspicion—He Says It Was Suicide.

Bordentown, N. J., Nov. 21.—With the back of her head blown off by a charge of bird shot, the body of Mrs. Bertha Cook, 23 years old, was found Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock in the kitchen of her home No. 229 Spring street. Edward Cook, also 23 years old, said his wife had shot herself while he was upstairs writing a letter, but Coroner Gaskill declares that the wound in the woman's head is such as to preclude any possibility that she fired the terribly fatal shot. County Prosecutor Kelsey therefore ordered Cook imprisoned on suspicion until the investigation can be completed. Cook was taken to the Burlington county jail.

Cook, who had been employed as a laborer at a brick works at White Hill, married Bertha Smith, of White Hill, in March last. They lived in apparent happiness for a time, but the inevitable triangle entered the home. It is said that Cook was giving attention to another woman and his wife upbraided him for it. They are said to have quarreled frequently, and at last decided to separate. They had lived apart for several months, when recently a reconciliation was effected and they started life over.

### LA TOURAINE ARRIVES.

French Liner Narrowly Escaped Being Torpedoed Day After Leaving Bordeaux.

New York, Nov. 21.—The French liner La Touraine narrowly escaped being torpedoed the day she left Bordeaux and when about 20 miles off the French coast. On her arrival yesterday Captain Caussin said he had been at sea only a few hours in an extremely rough sea when he was signaled by what he thought was a French steamer about a mile away, saying she needed assistance, as she was without propellers.

La Touraine was stopped and a small boat launched with several men who put off to the distressed vessel. They were on the sea for an hour trying to reach her, when a wireless was received from the steamer Columbian, stating she was being torpedoed, and warning all steamers to look out for a steamer with broken propellers. Captain Caussin recalled the boat, and made all haste to depart.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe, North Royal Street.

People in Richmond Believe Virginia Soldiers Will Be Back Home by Christmas

Prospects for the early return of the two Virginia infantry regiments on duty in Texas are considered bright by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale, who has just returned from Washington, where he has been in conference with War Department officials for several days. While no definite information was secured by General Sale, he shares the opinion of Senator Claude A. Swanson and Congressman Carter Glass, that the Virginia infantrymen will eat Christmas dinner at home.

Information was sought by General Sale on the prospects for the return of the Virginia troops, who are now entering upon their sixth month of service. Conditions on the border, however, seem little brighter, and he got no official information. From Virginia representatives in Congress he secured some encouragement, as all of them are working for the return of the boys, and are confident that the infantry at least has a chance to come back in the near future.

In event the Virginia infantry is ordered home, both regiments will be brought to Richmond, according to plans now in mind. General Sale has secured the use of all three local armories for the use of the returning troops, and they will be quartered in the local buildings while the formalities of mustering out are being complied with. It will probably require a week or ten days to attend to all of the details, which include the final payment of all the men, and their return to the State service.

Upon the return of the Virginia guardsmen to the State service, they will be again required to subscribe to the Federal oath to serve three years actively and three years in reserve. Their pay for weekly drills will depend upon their compliance with that feature of the Hay bill.

### ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Pupils Spend an Hour with James Whitcomb Riley's Poems.

The first Academies of St. Mary's Academy gave a very delightful hour of "Riley Thoughts," in their class room on Monday afternoon. The program, a part of the regular English class work, was varied. Miss Eleanor McGahey in her paper told interesting facts of Riley's boyhood. Miss Fannie Davis gave very creditably as her part of the program "The Ole Swimm'n' Hole." Miss Emma Hubbard gave "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," as a Reading and "The Fellowship 'd like to Meet," as a recitation. "Granny," by Miss Imogene Grilly, was a surprise to many present. Miss Arbutus Reid's paper dealt very interestingly with James Whitcomb Riley and his poems. Miss Dorothy Nugent and Miss Anna Bacigaluppi gave as quotations the delightful little Poems "Sunshine behind the Clouds" and "Thoughts," respectively. In "Our Hired Girl," Miss Lucy Triplett interpreted Riley very accurately. Miss Gladys Gaines in "In Memoriam," gave an estimate of Riley's standing among today's poets and of the world-wide grief occasioned by his death during the past summer.

### REFUSES TO TRY GIRL.

Thompson Falls, Mont., Nov. 21.—Judge R. Lee McCulloch, of Sanders county disqualified himself rather than preside at the trial of Miss Edith Colby, a newspaper woman charged with the murder of A. C. Thomas, a politician.

John Maniere, editor, and A. S. Ainsworth, manager of the paper on which Miss Colby worked, are held as accessories.

Judge McCulloch said his reason for not desiring to preside at the trial were too personal to be explained, and called Judge J. M. Clements, of Helena, to the bench.

### Pursued by Serbians

Saloniki, Nov. 21.—Serbian forces are hotly pursuing the Bulgarian-German forces retreating toward Prilep after being forced out of Mostastir. They have captured the towns of Makovo, Oredovo, Vrancea, Ridanica, Bitianik, Novak.